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FORM A.

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SOLDIER'S APPLICATION FOR A PENSION

The Comptroller of Public Accounts reserves the right to call for additional testimony if he deems it necessary.

*5-6-32*

Name of Applicant.

*John Gibson Smith*

County.

R. F. D. or Street No. *7*

Postoffice *Tyler Tex*

Filed *April 7-1927*

Approved *April 24-1927*

Pension allowed from *May 1-1927*

Rejected *S. H. Purcell*  
Comptroller of Public Accounts.

THE E. L. STECK CO., AUSTIN

*4-7-27*

**Soldier's Application for Confederate Pension**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

County of Smith

I, John Gibson do hereby make application to the Commissioner of Pensions for a pension to be granted me under the Act passed by the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, and approved April 7, 1913, on the following grounds:

I enlisted and served in the military service of the Confederate States during the war between the States of the United States and that I did not desert the Confederate service, but during the war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never at any time abandoned my post of duty in the said service; or (that I was in the service of the State of Texas during the war, to protect said State against the Indians and Mexicans for more than 6 months). That I was honorably discharged or surrendered at the close of the war between the states.

(Give date and cause.)

that I have been a bona fide citizen of this State since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and have been continuously since a citizen of the State of Texas. I do further state that I do not hold any National, State, city or county office which pays me a salary or fees of \$300.00 per annum, nor have I an income from any other employment or other source whatever which amounts to \$300.00 per annum, nor do I receive from any source whatever money or other means of support amounting in value to the sum of \$300.00 per annum, nor do I own in my own right, nor does any one hold in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, estate or property, either real, personal or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of over one thousand dollars, exclusive of a home of the value of not more than \$2000.00; nor do I receive any aid or pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and I do further state that the answers given to the following questions are true:

1. What is your age? 79 will be 80 my next birthday.
2. Where were you born? South Carolina.
3. How long have you resided in Texas? Since 1851.
4. In what county do you reside? Smith
5. How long have you resided in said county? Since 1851 What is your postoffice address? Tyler, Texas R F D No 7.
6. Have you applied for a pension under the Confederate pension law and been rejected? No.  
If rejected, state when and where. Poor
7. What is your occupation, if able to engage in one? None What is your physical condition? ✓
8. In what State was the command in which you served organized? Texas.
9. How long did you serve? about 2 months Give if possible, the date of enlistment and discharge. I served about two months at the old Stockade about 5 miles from Tyler Texas.
10. What was the letter of your company, number of battalion, regiment or battery? This was known as Camp Ford and it was under Colonel Anderson.  
I was a courier most of the time. I took messages from the head officer to the corn and wheat mills, etc, and from one company to another.
11. If transferred from one command to another, give time of transfer, name of command and time of service Never transferred. I was under Colonel Anderson.
12. What branch of the service did you enlist in—infantry, cavalry, artillery or navy? Infantry. Was a guard at the old Stockade near Tyler, Texas all the time.
13. What is the assessed value of your home, if you own a home? None.
14. What is the assessed value of your other property? None.
15. Have you transferred to others any property of any kind for the purpose of becoming a beneficiary under this law? No.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that his application for a pension be approved and such other proceedings be had in the premises as are required by law.

(Signature of Applicant) John Gibson

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 18th day of March A. D. 1927.

Witness to signature:  
[Seal] Wm D. Pace - Tyler, Texas  
R O Collier, Tyler, Texas

Wm D. Pace  
County Judge Smith County, Texas.

**AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES**

[Note.—There must be at least two creditable witnesses.]

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Smith }

Before me, W. D. Pace, County Judge of Smith County,  
State of Texas, on this day personally appeared A. A. Beal and  
R. O. Collier, who are personally known to me to be creditable citi-  
zens, who, being by me duly sworn, on oath state that they personally know John Gibson, the  
above named applicant for pension, and that they personally know that the said John Gibson  
has been a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas since prior to January 1, A. D. 1910, and that they  
have no interest in this claim.

(Signature of Witness) A. A. Beal

(Signature of Witness) R. O. Collier

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of April, A. D. 1927.

W. D. Pace

[Seal.] County Judge Smith County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF WITNESSES

(If possible the two witnesses should have served with the applicant in the army, and if so, let them, or either of them, state in their oath their source of knowledge, also any information regarding applicant's army service.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Smith

Before me, Will D. Pace, County Judge of Smith County, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared G.W. Bonner and C.C. Templeton, who are personally known to me to be creditable citizens, who, being by me sworn, on oath state that they are personally acquainted with the foregoing applicant, and that the facts set forth and statements made in his application are correct and true, to the best of their knowledge and belief, and that they have no interest in this claim, and said applicant's habits are good and free from dishonor. And further make oath to the following facts touching the applicant's service in the Confederate Army; (State fully your source of knowledge).....

I, G.W. Bonner, am 73 years of age. I have lived in Smith County Texas all my life. I am a brother to J.B. Bonner, deceased, who drew a pension from the state of Texas on account of his service to the Confederacy as a guard at Camp Ford, the old Stockade about four to five miles from Tyler. His service was in the latter part of 1865. I personally know that John Gibson, applicant for a pension went into the service at the same time and place as my brother, now deceased; that they served in the army together in the capacity stated. My brother's widow, Annie Bonner, Troup, Texas R F D No 1, now draws a pension as his widow. As stated I know that John Gibson, applicant herein, was in the same service as my brother and that they were in the service together at the same time and place.

I, C.C. Templeton, am 69 years of age. I was in school at Whitehouse Texas in 1865 the year the war ended. John Gibson was also in school at that time and place. I know that he went to war in the spring of 1865 and that he left school at that time and place. It is my understanding that that Gibson was guarding Yankees at old Camp Ford.

(Signature of Witness) G.W. Bonner
(Signature of Witness) C.C. Templeton

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 1st day of April 1927, A. D. 1927

Will D. Pace

[Seal.]

County Judge Smith County, Texas.



CERTIFICATE OF STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSOR

I, H.H. Allen, State and County Assessor in the County of Smith State of Texas, do certify that John Gibson, or his wife, or his trustee, or trustee for his wife, whose name is signed to the foregoing application for a pension, under the Act of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 7, 1913, and amended by Regular Session Thirty-eighth Legislature, is charged on the tax rolls of said county with a homestead of the value of none Dollars, and of other property, real or personal, or both, of the value of none Dollars.

Given under my hand, this 6th day of April A. D. 1927

H.H. Allen

State and County Assessor.

April 7th, 1927.

Hon. Will D. Pace,  
County Judge,  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of April 6th.

You are advised that the application of Mr. John Gibson for Confederate Pension cannot be approved until I have received from Washington a favorable report on his military service record.

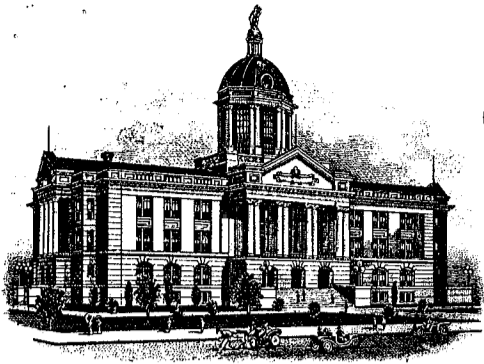
This report is being requested today and you will be advised immediately on receipt of same.

Yours very truly,

KR/ms

Comptroller of Public Accounts.





J. R. WARREN, DISTRICT JUDGE  
WILL D. PACE, COUNTY JUDGE  
E. S. GOENS, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
ALBERT BROWN, COUNTY CLERK

W. G. RUSSELL, DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
T. C. SIKES, SHERIFF  
S. L. WATTS, TAX COLLECTOR  
HENRY ALLEN, TAX ASSESSOR

A. M. RAMSOUR, DISTRICT CLERK  
E. W. ODEN, COUNTY TREASURER  
A. P. PRESTWOOD, COUNTY AUDITOR  
D. M. EDWARDS, COUNTY SURVEYOR  
R. S. BOULTER, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

H. L. CARTER, PRECINCT No. 1  
J. J. MILL, PRECINCT No. 2

F. B. CLINKSCALE, PRECINCT No. 3  
JNO. J. PIERCE, PRECINCT No. 4

TYLER, TEXAS

April 6, 1927.

Hon S. H. Terrell, Comptroller,

Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith the application of John Gibson, for Confederate Pension.

I call your attention to the proof that is made, and I feel certain that his is a genuine case and that he should receive his pension. The proof is made by G.W. Benner and C.C. Templeton. Benner states that he knows personally that Gibson was in the same service that his brother, Bake Bonner, was in. Bake Benner's widow now draws a pension as his widow. Templeton was a boy about ten or eleven years of age and Gibson was a boy about sixteen years of age. They were both in school at Whitehouse and Gibson went away to war.

I know that Camp Ford actually existed about five miles from Tyler and that the Yankees were guarded there by young men so reports go in this county. There are some of the remains of the old fort there now.

I have known John Gibson for at least twenty-five years and I feel certain that he was in the service. He should have been getting this pension long ago.

yours truly,

*Will D. Pace*



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No. \_\_\_\_\_



Comptroller's Department  
State of Texas  
Austin

To the Adjutant General,  
War Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to request the Military  
record of John Gibson, who is  
reported to have enlisted in Company G or E  
Regiment 9th Regt or Battalion  
Texas Infantry

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in service in the Confederate States Army.

Very respectfully,

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5 Received A. G. O. APR 11 1927

*S. H. Gurrell*

Comptroller of State of Texas.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

April 12th., 1927.

Respectfully returned to

Comptroller, State of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

The name John Gibson has not been found on rolls on file in this office of any Confederate States Army from the State of Texas numerically designated as the 9 Texas Infantry.

The records show, however, that a large number of men bearing the name John Gibson served in various Confederate States Army organizations from the State of Texas, none of whom can, from the data furnished, be identified as the man whose record is desired.

*Robert C. Davis*  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General.  
By *Jr.*

Comptroller's Office  
Austin, Texas

# APPLICATION FOR MORTUARY WARRANT

RECEIVED  
MAY 5 - 1932  
CLERK'S OFFICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Smith

I, Mrs. W.H. Harris

do hereby certify that I am the person to whom is entrusted the paying of the accounts and indebtedness of the late John Gibson, who was a pensioner of the State of Texas, and whose file number was 42915 and whose original county was Smith

The said pensioner John Gibson, died on the 1st day of May, 1932, in the town of Tyler, County of Smith, Texas.

The pensioner died in the home of Mrs. W.H. Harris, who was related to the pensioner as Daughter

That the warrant, which application is hereby made for, shall be applied to paying all or part of the funeral expenses incurred by the said pensioner John Gibson

I further certify that the warrant for the current quarter has not been cashed by the pensioner, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I am related to the pensioner as (Friend) Daughter that my postoffice address is R.F.D. # 7

Tyler, Texas  
City State

Signed Mrs. W.H. Harris  
J.F. Daniel  
Notary Public in and for Smith County State of Texas.

Sworn to before me this 7 day of May, 1932

**Must return before  
40 days expires from  
date of Pensioners' death**

## CERTIFICATE OF UNDERTAKER

I, J.F. Daniel, do certify that I am undertaker in the town of Tyler, County of Smith, State of Texas that I had charge of the body of John Gibson, who died in the town of Tyler, County of Smith, State of Texas on the 1st day of May 1932. That said body was prepared for burial by me on the 1st day of May 1932, and that I am of the opinion that warrant herein applied for should be issued to the said Mrs. W.H. Harris who makes the foregoing application.

Signed J.F. Daniel Undertaker.

## CERTIFICATE OF PHYSICIAN

I, J.H. Gibson, do certify that I am a practicing physician, and that I attended J.H. Gibson in his last illness, and am of the opinion that his ailments were Arterio Sclerosis

I further certify that I am of the opinion that the Mortuary Warrant above requested should be issued in the name of the aforementioned applicant, in accordance with Act passed by the Thirty-eighth Legislature and approved March 2, 1923.

Signed J.H. Gibson  
Physician's Address Turdalo Tx

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